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(U) District of Columbia – Gun Thefts Spiked in 2016, Federal Report Says

(U) Washington – More than 9,200 firearms were stolen from federally licensed dealers last year, according to a new report from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. The figure represents a sharp increase from the year before -- up nearly 51%, from 6,163 firearms stolen in 2015 -- and continues a four-year uptick. Speaking to reporters Tuesday, agency officials stopped short of calling the trend an epidemic, but said the increases in stolen and lost firearms this year were "significant." Agency officials attributed the trend in part to emboldened criminals.

SOURCE: 11 April 2017, CNN

(U) Washington – Microsoft Releases Patches for Word Bug

(U) Redmond – Microsoft has stated that the bug in Word which was allegedly being used to try and steal banking logins will be patched. In a report, it has been stated that, the vulnerability is notable because it bypasses exploit mitigations built into Windows, doesn't require targets to enable macros, and works even against Windows 10, which is widely considered Microsoft's most secure operating system ever. The flaw is known to affect most or all Windows versions of Word, but so far no one has ruled out that exploits might also be possible against Mac versions. Researchers from security firms McAfee and FireEye warned that the malicious Word documents are being attached to e-mails, but didn't reveal the scope or ultimate objective of the campaign.

SOURCE: 11 April 2017, Decan Chronicle

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Germany – Pregame Blasts Rock Soccer Team Bus

(U) Dortmund – Three explosions went off near the team bus of one of Germany's top soccer clubs, as it set off for a Champions League quarterfinal match yesterday evening. Police said they were working on the assumption that the blasts were directed at the Dortmund team and caused by serious explosive devices, which may have been hidden in a hedge near a car park. The explosions happened as the team was departing its hotel. A letter claiming responsibility was found near the site of the blasts, investigators are examining the authenticity of what was written in the letter, but wouldn't reveal more about its contents, citing the ongoing investigation.

SOURCE: 11 April 2017, AP

(U) Italy – Fugitive Mexican Ex-Governor Captured in Italy

(U) Rome – On Monday officials in Italy announced the capture of a former governor of a drug-ravaged Mexican state. Tomás Yarrington Ruvalcaba, who had been on the run since 2012 from both American and Mexican authorities on charges of money laundering and racketeering. During the six years that the former governor, ran the state of Tamaulipas, the Gulf Cartel and its brutal armed enforcement wing, the Zetas, established their hold over the state. Mr. Yarrington's term ended in February 2005, but Tamaulipas remains one of Mexico's most violent states. A 2013 federal indictment in the United States

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accused Mr. Yarrington of receiving millions of dollars of bribes from the cartel, beginning in 1998, to allow it to operate unimpeded in the state, which borders southeastern Texas. SOURCE: 10 April 2017, NY Times

(U) Nigeria – Security Prevents Boko Haram Plan to Attack US and UK Embassies

(U) Abuja – Nigerian security officials have thwarted plans by Boko Haram members to attack the embassies of the United States and Britain, authorities said yesterday. A Department of State Services statement said it broke up a ring that had plans to attack the UK and American embassies and other Western interests in Nigeria. The statement said five suspects who had been based in Benue state and the Federal Capital Territory were arrested. Another 20-year-old Boko Haram member was arrested in Yobe state. Boko Haram's seven-year uprising has killed more than 20,000 people and driven 2.6 million from their homes, with millions facing starvation.

SOURCE: 12 April 2017, ABC News

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